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Man Charged With Murdering Accomplice During Attempted Market Robbery in El Sereno

A man was charged today with murder after he allegedly shot and killed his partner during a botched robbery last week at a convenience store in El Sereno, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jose Alfredo Favela (dob 1/6/92) was charged in case BA427390 with one count of murder with a special circumstance allegation that he committed the murder during the commission or attempted commission of a robbery and the special allegation that he personally and intentionally discharged a rifle.

He is expected to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Prosecutors said Favela and Jose Espidon entered Meadow Maid Market in the 5300 block of Alhambra Avenue on July 18 and attempted to rob the store. Favela was carrying an assault rifle, while Espidon had a machete, prosecutors added.

Espidon and the store owner were struggling when Favela fired a round that struck Espidon, killing him, prosecutors said. Favela fled on foot but was arrested by police shortly thereafter.

If convicted as charged, Favela could face life in prison without the possibility of parole or the death penalty. Prosecutors will decide at a later date whether to seek the death penalty.

The case was investigated by Los Angeles Police Department, Hollenbeck Division.

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for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.